



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Father Kenneth Burns csc Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson Burtnik.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Dekker.

2. Roll Call

Moved by Trustee Sclazi

Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board excuse Trustee Fera from attending the Board Meeting of January 26, 2010.

CARRIED

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
John Belcastro	✓			
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Maurice Charbonneau		✓		
Gary Crole	✓			
John Dekker	✓			
Frank Fera				✓
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓			
Tony Scalzi	✓			
Student Trustees				
Juliana Ciccarelli	✓			
Megan Grocholsky	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Rob Ciarlo**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, Superintendents of Education; **Larry Reich**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Khayyam Syne**, Administrator of Staff Development; **Mark Lefebvre**, Administrator of School Effectiveness; **James Woods**, Controller of Plant; **Jennifer Brailey**, Manager of Board Services and Communications; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of January 26, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Disclosure of Interest**

No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

5. **Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 15, 2010**

Moved by Trustee Crole

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 15, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. **School Excellence Program - St. Therese Catholic Elementary School**

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education introduced Christine Curran, Principal of St. Therese Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Curran, introduced the school staff who assisted in showcasing St. Therese Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chairperson Burtnik thanked Principal Curran and the school for their presentation.

2. **Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools/St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools and St. Michael Catholic Elementary School, Niagara-on-the-Lake Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee**

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education, presented the minutes from the Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools/St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools and St. Michael Catholic Elementary School, Niagara-on-the-Lake Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee Meetings.

2.1 Approved Minutes of the Public Community Meeting of December 3, 2009

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Public Community Meeting with the Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools/St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools and St. Michael Catholic Elementary School, Niagara-on-the-Lake Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee of December 3, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

2.2 Approved Minutes of the Public Community Meeting of December 9, 2009

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Public Community Meeting with the Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools/St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools and St. Michael Catholic Elementary School, Niagara-on-the-Lake Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee of December 9, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

2.3 Approved Minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of December 15, 2009

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools/St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools and St. Michael Catholic Elementary School, Niagara-on-the-Lake Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee of December 15, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

2.4 Unapproved Minutes of the Public Community Meeting of January 5, 2010

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Public Community Meeting with the Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools/St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools and St. Michael Catholic Elementary School, Niagara-on-the-Lake Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee of January 5, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

2.5 Unapproved Minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of January 6, 2010

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools/St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools and St. Michael Catholic Elementary School, Niagara-On-The-Lake Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee of January 6, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

3. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 12, 2010 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 12, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 2010:

3.1 Policies

3.1.1 Admission of Students Policy (301.1) Interim Administrative Guidelines

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Admissions of Students Policy (301.1), as presented.

CARRIED

3.1.2 Safe Schools Policy: Interim Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve Safe Schools Policy: Interim Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy (302.6.8), as presented

CARRIED

3.1.3 Safe Schools Policy: Interim Progressive Student Discipline Policy

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Safe Schools Policy: Interim Progressive Student Discipline Policy (302.6.9), as presented.

CARRIED

3.2 Report of the Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools/ St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools and St. Michael Catholic Elementary School, Niagara-on-the-Lake Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the report of the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee for the Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools/ St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools and St. Michael Catholic Elementary School Niagara-on-the-Lake and approve the recommendations as presented.

1. **THAT** the St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School proposed boundary changes as recommended through the Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR), and as approved by the Board motion of May 26, 2009 with students transferred to St. Patrick, St. Mary, and Father Hennepin Catholic Elementary Schools for September 2010 be maintained.

THAT the new boundary description for **St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School** be described as:

East: Commencing on the Niagara River to

South: Newman Hill (centerline) to **Magdalen St. (and its projection) to Slater Ave. to Roberts St.**

West: MacDonald St to Stamford St to Florence Ave to Rosedale Ave to Sixth Ave (excluding) to the CNR to

North: to the Queenston Chippawa Power Canal to the point of commencement on the Niagara River

THAT the new boundary for **St. Mary Catholic Elementary School** be described as:

East: Commencing on Sixth Ave to Rosedale Ave (excluding) to Florence Ave (excluding) to Stamford St (excluding) to MacDonald St (excluding) to **Roberts St. (centerline)**

South: **Slater Ave (centerline) to Magdalen St. (centerline) to Victoria Avenue. (centerline)**

West: **Ferry St. to Lundy's Lane to Glenholme to**

North: the QEW to the CNR to Thorold Stone Rd (centerline) to Stanley Ave (centerline) to the CNR to the point of commencement on Sixth Ave

THAT the new boundary description for **Father Hennepin Catholic Elementary School** be described as:

East: Commencing on the Niagara River to

South: Corfield St (and its projection) to Stanley Ave to the Welland River to

West: Wilson Cres (and its projection) to McLeod Rd to Dell Ave (and its projection) to the power transmission lines **to Drummond Rd to Culp Street to Franklin Ave**

North: **to Lundy's Lane to Ferry Ave. (and its projection)** to the point of commencement on the Niagara River

2. **THAT** upon further consideration by the Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools/St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee that the following proposed boundary changes occur for St. Vincent de Paul, Loretto Catholic, Cardinal Newman, and Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary Schools and for Saint Michael and Saint Paul Catholic Secondary Schools effective September 2010.

St. Vincent de Paul

East: Commencing on the QEW to

South: Alpine Drive (and its projection and including all cul de sacs off of Alpine - Yvette, Kathleen and Valerie) to Kalar Road (centerline) to **Beaverdams Road (centerline)**,

West: Thorold Townline Road (centerline) to the City Boundary (Niagara Falls & Thorold) to

North: The City boundary (Niagara Falls & Niagara-on-the-Lake) to the point of commencement on the QEW.

Loretto Catholic

East: Commencing on **Montrose Road (centerline)** at Lundy's Lane (centerline) to

South: McLeod Road (centerline) to

West: City Boundary (Niagara Falls and Thorold) to

North: **Lundy's Lane (centerline)** to the point of commencement on **Montrose Road.**

Cardinal Newman

East: Commencing on the QEW to

South: Lundy's Lane (centerline) to

West: **Thorold Townline Road (centerline)** to

North: **Beaverdams to Kalar Road (centerline) to the projection of Alpine Drive (excluding all cul de sacs off of Alpine – Yvette, Kathleen, Valerie – and its projection) to the point of commencement on the QEW**

Sacred Heart

East: Commencing on the Niagara River to

South: **to Bossert Road (excluding – and its projection)** to King Road (excluding) to Bossert Road (excluding) to Beck Road (excluding) to Shisler Road (excluding) to

West: the township lot line between lots 5 and 6 (**Morris Road**) to

North: **the Welland River to Stanley Ave. (excluding) to Corfield St. (excluding – and its projection) to the point of commencement on the Niagara River.**

Saint Michael High School

East: Commencing on the Niagara River

South: Netherby Road (excluding)

West: the Canada Southern Railway to the Lyons Creek to the township lot line between lots 5 and 6 (between Morris and Crowland Roads) to the Welland River to the City Boundary (Niagara Falls and Thorold) to

North: **Lundy's Lane (centerline) east to the QEW to 420 Hwy. to Glenholme Ave. (centerline) to south to Lundy's Lane (centerline) east along Lundy's Lane to Ferry (and its projection) to the point of commencement on the Niagara River.**

Saint Paul High School

East: Commencing on the Niagara River to

South: **to Victoria Avenue to Ferry St. (and its projection) to Lundy's Lane (centerline) to Glenholme Ave. (centerline) to 420 Hwy. to**

West: **QEW (centerline) south to Lundy's Lane (centerline)** to Thorold Townline Road (centerline) to

North: the City Boundary (Niagara Falls and Thorold and Niagara Falls & Niagara on the Lake) to the point of commencement on the Niagara River.

3. **THAT** students, who are currently in Grades 8 to Grade 12, who are currently residing in the St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School (NF) or the Loretto Catholic Elementary School attendance area and have been affected by the proposed elementary or secondary boundary changes will have transportation provided to either St. Paul or St. Michael Catholic High Schools in Niagara Falls until graduation. If required, transportation will continue for their sibling(s) until the current grade 8 student graduates from secondary school.

4. **THAT**, the Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools/St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee continue to review the attendance boundaries for all elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake with an annual report to the Board.
5. **THAT**, new requests for attendance area exceptions will be reviewed in accordance with Board Policy/Guidelines 301.1, Admission of Students. Attendance area exceptions will not be granted to students who wish to attend St. Vincent de Paul, Cardinal Newman and Loretto Catholic except for the purpose of keeping siblings together within the same school.
6. **THAT**, Senior Staff will review Board Policy/Guidelines 301.1, Admission of Students, within the current Policy and Administrative Guideline Review Process.

CARRIED

4. **Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of December 2, 2009**

Moved by Trustee Crole

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of December 2, 2009, as presented for information.

CARRIED

4.1 **Letter to the Ministry of Education**

Moved by Trustee Crole

Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THATs the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve in principle, the draft letter to the Ministry of Education from the Special Education Advisory Committee as presented.

CARRIED

5. **Early Learning Program Implementation - Full Day Kindergarten Programs 2010-2011**

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, presented the report on the Early Learning Program Implementation - Full Day Kindergarten Programs 2010-2011.

Trustees asked questions regarding the Full Day Kindergarten Programs.

6. **Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School Addition & Alterations Options and Estimated Costs**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the project budget increase for a total cost of \$11,329,915.00 for the addition and alterations to Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School as presented, and

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the transfer of \$329,915 from the Reserve for Working Funds to cover the funding shortfall.

CARRIED

7. H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management

Director Crocco presented the monthly Board report on the H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management.

8. Financial Reports

8.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

Moved by Trustee Belcastro
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of December 2009, as presented for information.

CARRIED

8.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

Moved by Trustee Belcastro
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at December 31, 2009, as presented for information.

CARRIED

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

1.1 Niagara Region Health Department – Thank You for Assistant in H1N1 Protection

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

2.1 OCSTA Seminar for Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Directors of Education

Chairperson Burtnik and Vice-Chairperson Dekker presented information on the OCSTA Seminar for Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Directors of Education which they attended along with Director Crocco.

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Nil Report

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – January 12, 2010

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – January 12, 2010 issue for Trustees' information.

4.2 Calendar of Events – February 2010

Director Crocco presented the Calendar of Events – February 2010 for Trustees' information

**4.3 ACT High School AED Funding Announcement
St. Francis Catholic Secondary School - Friday, February 5, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.**

Director Crocco presented information on the ACT High School AED Funding Announcement St. Francis Catholic Secondary School - Friday, February 5, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.

**4.4 Vision 2020 Strategic Plan - Trustee Discovery Sessions Part 2
– February 9, 2010 – 5:00 p.m.**

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan – Discovery Session Part 2 – February 9, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

4.5 Niagara Catholic Haiti Earthquake – Relief Effort Fundraisers

Director Crocco presented information on the Niagara Catholic Haiti Earthquake – Relief Effort Fundraisers.

4.6 Letter to Parents – First Student Canada

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board move into the In Camera Session.

CARRIED

The Niagara Catholic District School Board moved into the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened at 10:20 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Scalzi
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of January 26, 2010.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting - SECTION A: Student Trustees Present of December 15, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION A: Student Trustees Present of January 12, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Scalzi
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of December 15, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Scalzi
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of January 12, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Moved by Trustee Crole
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the purchase of property as outlined in Item F8 of the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting – Section B: Student Trustees Excluded of January 26, 2010.

CARRIED (Item F8)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Belcastro
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the January 26, 2010 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **January 26, 2010**.

Approved on the **23rd** day of **February 2010**.

Kathy Burtnik
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer